CLAIMS:

1.   A method for providing an asset verification service between a requesting party and at least one financial institute holding at least one asset, comprising:

receiving at an asset verification system an asset verification request from said

5   requesting party, said asset verification request identifying at least one financial institution and at least one related asset;

communicating said asset verification request from said asset verification system to said identified financial institute holding said at least one related asset;

receiving at said asset verification system an asset verification response from

10   said identified financial institute;

generating an asset verification report at said asset verification system based upon said asset verification response received from said financial institution; and

transmitting said asset verification report to said requesting party.

2.   The method of claim 1 for providing an asset verification service wherein

15   said asset request from said requesting party is received electronically at said asset verification system.

3.   The method of claim 1 for providing an asset verification service wherein said asset verification request is communicated electronically from said asset verification service to said financial institute.

20   4.   The method of claim 1 for providing an asset verification service wherein said asset verification is received electronically at said asset verification system from said financial institute.

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5.   The method of claim 1 for providing an asset verification service wherein said asset verification request is received via facsimile.

6.   The method of claim 1 for providing an asset verification service wherein said asset verification request is received via postal delivery.

7.   The method of claim 1 wherein prior to the step of communicating said asset verification request from said asset verification system to said identified financial institute holding said at least one related asset, said received asset verification response is converted to an electronic format.

8.   A system for providing an asset verification service between at least one requesting party and at least one financial institution holding at least one asset record, comprising:

a first interface at said asset verification service configured to receive requesting party identification and an asset query;

a second interface at said at least one financial institution, said second interface in communication with said asset verification service, said second interface configured to receive security data and said asset query from said asset verification service and to return asset verification response data to said asset verification service; and

a third interface at said asset verification service configured to receive said asset verification response data and to generate an asset verification report.

9.   The system of Claim 8 for providing an asset verification service further including a fourth interface at said asset verification service, said fourth interface configured to communicate said asset verification report to said at least one requesting party.

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